

## Commercial Advertiser

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## A WATER CRISIS.

The situation will soon be a serious one for water consumers if the Legislature does not do its duty by the Emergency appropriation bill. Tonight, for the first time since it was built, the Beretania street pumping station will be closed. Also the Kalia plant. The men in charge of them, who have gone without pay for six weeks, will wait on the tardy Legislature no longer; and as a result the city, for fire and domestic purposes, will have to depend on the Nuuanu reservoirs, which Honolulu outgrew ten years ago. The water supply will be reduced from 8,000,000 gallons to 3,000,000. Dry weather for two weeks, or even less, would create a water famine; in any event, so long as the pump remains idle, we shall have a water scarcity—one which will be felt by all, but most severely by people living on the hillsides. The question of fire is also momentous.

Is there any public reason why the Legislature should not come to the relief of water consumers at once? They are paying good money for water which they may not get. Their contributions not only meet all the expenses of the system but turn into the Treasury tens of thousands of dollars which go, under legislative direction, to other public objects. It is unfair to the people to make them do without their contract supply of water for a single day; and any prolonged interruption of the service would have consequences of a grave nature.

## STUDYING BY PHONOGRAPH.

A phonograph is but a phonograph after all. Nevertheless, perhaps not a man lives who, hearing one of these wonderful little machines speak wheezily in a tongue not his own, but wonders a little that the wheels are not strained in the effort. It does not make a particle of difference that the very name of the machine is significant of the thing that reports. The phonograph, in effect, is nothing but an echo frozen by mechanism. The man who hears a phonograph speak in a foreign tongue has much the sensation of a man who, calling for a number in his telephone, catches an induction conversation carried on over the wire by a couple of Chinese in their native tongue. The wire carries the sound, whatever it may be, but the listener does not recognize the naturalness of it.

The existence of this condition makes it strike a man the more strangely when he hears of a school that teaches languages by the use of the phonograph. Probably, there could be nothing more simple. The idea is sound, for if the phonograph does not get the true Parisian twist, to the French lesson, say, it must be because the teacher has not got it. Certainly the phonograph talks through its nose—or would, if it had a nose. It wheezes, at all events. But it must repeat all the twists and turns and accents, after its own fashion, that are spoken into it. Whether a man who learns a language by talking back at a box could make use of his knowledge practically is another thing. It is easier to talk back to a box and the difficulty with learning most languages, lies in the fact that people never speak after the book. When Mark Twain said that the Frenchmen were good spellers, but that they "could not pronounce worth a hang" he was giving utterance in jest to a great truth. The Hawaiian is said to be a musical tongue, and it should be from the preponderance of vowel sounds in it, but it does not sound musical when a native gets to throwing it at the rate of about a thousand words a minute. It sounds, to a haole, like a man trying to break his voice over a macadamized road that has been exposed to the rains of a quarter of a century.

Nevertheless, the scheme for learning language by the phonograph is probably a good one. At all events, it is better than learning a language from a book, wherein the spelling never does correspond to the pronunciation, and wherein there is used a system of diacritical marks that would be a liberal education in themselves—if any one man under the sun could possibly learn them all. The phonograph experiment is a new scheme anyway, and its workings will be watched with a great deal of interest. So long as there is a babel of tongues in the world, the man who knows the most of them has a distinct advantage, and any plan that enables him to learn more, or that makes the learning of them easier, is a scheme to be encouraged. After awhile, when English becomes the universal language and the world is no longer a Babel, the learning of tongues will be a thing of the past, of course—and maybe, then, people who only use words now will learn to speak the general tongue. Men will say what they mean, instead of only thinking they have said it.

The will of the late S. C. Allen, which is printed in full elsewhere, is interesting reading. While Mr. Allen left the bulk of his fortune to his wife as became a man who recognized her right to enjoy without material abatement the "worldly goods" all of which were her endowment in the marriage service,

he did not forget useful public institutions nor people who had claims upon his good will. The bequests to such institutions and people are not large but they are large enough to show that Mr. Allen took an acquisitive view of his obligations to society. He was careful to give wide powers to his widow so that she, after having her full value from an estate which she helped to accumulate, directly or indirectly, could make large public benefactions if she chose. Eventually a great part of the Allen fortune may, in this manner, find meritorious public uses.

The Cleveland boom is much in evidence, especially in the South. It rests on the proposition that the business interests of the country, dismayed by President Roosevelt's attack on trusts, would range themselves about Cleveland and, by keeping the Democratic campaign treasury full, elect him for a third term. The trusts are strong for Cleveland despite the fact that his last annual message marked out a line of attack upon them which Roosevelt has, in some degree, been following since. Cleveland himself is quoted by correspondents as being smiling but reticent on the subject of a renomination—which, if he gets it, will be his fourth. Doubtless he feels the impulse to come out from the audience and once more take the center of the stage, no man in possession of his faculties and health being able to quite reconcile himself to obscurity and neglect.

The printing steal was properly characterized in the Senate yesterday though that body, by agreeing to a House expenditure of \$18,000, let it go by. The steal is an offspring of the House, where most scandals originate and it bears all the earmarks of a percentage game. As no honest excuse can be made for paying \$2.10 a page for printing which can be got for \$1.35 per page, no excuse is attempted. The House simply falls back upon its alleged right to do as it pleases and lets the public think what it may.

Sisal pays, pineapples pay, bananas pay, vanilla, tobacco and cocoa may become profitable. Hawaii is a good country for agriculture if the right men get into the right localities.

If the Legislative pumps will start the water pumps will easily take the cue.

## S. C. ALLEN LEFT AN ESTATE OF OVER \$2,000,000.

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The Chinese house servants in my employ at the time of my death who shall have been so employed for four consecutive years next preceding that time the sum of fifty dollars (\$50).

25. I give and bequeath to the Kawaihau Seminary for Girls in Honolulu the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

26. I give and bequeath to the St. Andrews Priory in Honolulu the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

27. I give and bequeath to the school of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart in Honolulu the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

28. I give and bequeath to the Queen's Hospital in Honolulu the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

29. I give and bequeath to my cousin-in-law William F. Allen of Honolulu should he survive me the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) as a mark of esteem.

30. I give and bequeath to my personal friend Joseph O. Carter of Honolulu should he survive me the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

31. I give and bequeath to the Hawaiian Relief Society of Honolulu if it be in existence at the time of my death the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250).

32. I give and bequeath to my adopted daughter Victoria Kathleen Ward (born Victoria Kathleen Ward) should she survive me the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

33. I give and bequeath to my cousin Eilesha H. Allen of New York City, aforesaid should she survive me the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

34. I give and bequeath to John Appleton son of my cousin Frederick H. Appleton of Bangor, Maine, United States of America, should he survive me the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500).

35. I give devise and bequeath unto George C. Allen late of Honolulu aforesaid and now supposed to be in Seattle, State of Washington, son of D. K. Fyfe, the sum of one dollar and expressly direct and provide that said George C. Allen shall otherwise receive nothing whatsoever either directly or indirectly from my estate or any part or portion thereof. And I expressly declare to all to whom it may concern that I owe the said George C. Allen nothing and have executed no instrument or writing whatsoever under which he could or would receive any profit, benefit or emolument whatsoever excepting certain prior wills which are hereby expressly annulled, and excepting certain unrecorded Articles of Adoption dated November 12th, A. D. 1877, between "myself and my wife, Bathsheba M. Allen" on the one part and said D. K. Fyfe on the other part whereby "I and my said wife" assume to adopt the said George C. Allen as our own child and as to said Articles of Adoption I do hereby declare that I have repudiated and do hereby repudiate said Articles of Adoption as being illegal, void and of no effect among other reasons for that the same are unrecorded and for that said George C. Allen has failed neglected and refused to perform the obligations imposed upon him under and by virtue of said Articles of Adoption, and otherwise and by gross misconduct has ceased to have any claim morally or otherwise upon my estate or bounty by virtue of said Articles or otherwise. And I hereby declare that the devise of One Dollar herein made to the said George C. Allen is all that I leave to him of my estate real personal or mixed and this is my will respecting said George C. Allen even though the said Articles of Adoption are legal and in full force and effect.

I give devise and bequeath all the rest residue and remainder of my property of every description nature and kind, real, personal and mixed (which and the investments for the time being representing the same are hereinafter called "my Trust estate") to my wife the said Bathsheba M. Allen and the said Mark P. Robinson, Joseph O. Carter and Paul Muhlenberg and to their successors in the trust (hereinafter called "my Trustees") upon trust that my said wife Bathsheba M. Allen shall have the use benefit and enjoyment and income thereof for and during the term of her natural life and on the death of my said wife my Trustees shall hold my trust estate provided my said wife shall have survived me.

Upon Trust for such person or persons in such shares or proportions and otherwise in all respects as my said wife Bathsheba M. Allen shall by her last will and testament or any codicil thereto appoint and in default of such appointment and so far as any such appointment shall not extend or if my said wife shall not have survived me Upon Trust to pay the net annual income thereof to my brother-in-law, Mark P. Robinson and my sisters-in-law Mary E. Foster, Victoria Ward, Matilda A. Foster, A. (Watty) Jaeger and Lucy McWayne and to the survivors and survivor of them (equally while there shall be more than one of them living) for their lives and his or her life and on the death of the survivor of them my Trustees shall hold my trust estate in Trust for all of the children of the said Mark P. Robinson Mary E. Foster, Victoria Ward, Matilda A. Foster, A. (Watty) Jaeger and Lucy McWayne who shall be living at the time of the death of the last survivor of them in equal share, if more than one child such children taking per capita and not per stirpes.

I give to my Trustees full power and authority to manage my trust estate to collect and receive the rents, issues and profits thereof to sell partition exchange lease or otherwise dispose of the same and any part or parts thereof in such manner and upon such terms and conditions in all respects as my Trustees in their absolute discretion shall think fit to invest re-invest and keep invested all moneys that shall come to their hands in securities authorized by law as investments for trust funds.

I direct that any sale or sales of my trust estate may be made either by public auction or private sale or contract for cash or on credit or partly one and partly the other without my Trustees applying to any Court Judge or Tribunal for authority so to do or for confirmation of their acts and no purchaser shall be bound to see to the application of the purchase money.

I hereby authorize my Trustees to postpone the conversion of my Trust estate and every part thereof even where the same may be of a diminishing or wasting nature. I expressly authorize and empower my Trustees to carry on my Lumber and Shipping business for such a period after my death as they shall think fit but not for a longer period than three years and for that purpose to retain and employ the capital employed therein at my death and such additional capital as they shall think fit to advance from time to time out of my Trust estate.

I hereby direct that there shall always be four Trustees of this my will and that at least three Trustees of whom my wife during her life shall always be one shall join in the performance of the trusts of this my will and that any three of my Trustees of whom my wife during her life shall always be one shall have full power to act in all cases and to convey real estate and their acts shall have the same force and effect as if all of my Trustees had joined therein or had executed the same.

If any of my Trustees shall die resign the office of Trustee refuse to act or become incapable of acting as such then and in every such case my said wife during her lifetime and after her death the surviving continuing or other Trustees shall have full power to appoint a new Trustee in the place of the Trustee so dying, resigning refusing to act or becoming incapable of acting by an instrument in writing and thereupon the trust estate shall vest in the new Trustee jointly with the surviving continuing or other Trustees.

I direct that all legacies bequeathed by this my will shall be paid to the several legatees free of all legacy duty or tax.

I direct that my Executors and Trustees shall be paid out of my estate a uniform commission of two and a half per cent on all moneys received and finally disbursed by them in lieu of the commission allowed by law.

I appoint my said wife Bathsheba M. Allen and the said Mark P. Robinson, Joseph O. Carter and Paul Muhlenberg Executors of this my will and direct that no bonds be required of them or any of them.

I direct my Executors first to pay all my debts and funeral and testamentary expenses and that they place over my remains a suitable monument to mark my last resting place.

I revoke all former and other wills by me at any time heretofore made and declare this to be my last will and testament.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto and to the eight (8) preceding sheets of paper set my hand this 5th day of September, A. D. 1900.

(Signed) S. C. ALLEN.  
Signed and declared by the Testator Samuel Cleason Allen as and for his last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in his presence and in the presence of each other and at his request have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses.

(Signed) GEO. H. ROBERTSON.  
(Signed) E. A. R. ROSS.  
(Signed) WM. A. KINNEY.

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